



GAGES LAKE SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Trail Master's Newsletter - By Dave Shimcoski

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Trail Report

I want to wish all of our members, associate members and landowners a happy, healthy and prosperous 2004!

Local Trail Report

Our trails were blessed with about 5" of new snow on Sunday, January 4, a true highlight of this early winter season. Although we received ample snow to get out on the trails, the ground had not frozen prior to this snow which resulted in some areas of mud and slush. The subsequent frigid cold weather we received froze the trails solid.



McNeill Farm

However, with the warm temperatures we received last Sunday, the trails have suffered from exposure. While

they are still rideable, they are rated in fair to poor condition with some areas near the roads showing evidence of wearing thin or already down to dirt as can be seen below.



Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve



Hook Drive Trail

Upper Midwest Trail Report

Currently, we have more snow on our trails than most in the state of Wisconsin. Iron, Bayfield, Ashland, Douglas and

North Vilas counties in Wisconsin have snow with their trails rated as fair to good.

The upper peninsula of Michigan counties are reporting good trail conditions as are the eastern and far northern counties of lower Michigan. Northwest Indiana seems to be building a good base of lake effect snow and their trails are currently rated as good. Minnesota trails are rated as good in the Northern tier of counties as well as everywhere North of Duluth.

Safety

I have contacted the county and state about getting "Snowmobile Crossing Ahead" signs installed at the locations where our trail crosses Rt. 83, Rollins Road and Drury Lane. This may take awhile to accomplish but the wheels are in motion. The end result will help to keep the motorist aware of the existence of our trails. Please exercise caution on all trails and enjoy the snow while it is with us!



Next Month

- Local Trail Condition Report
- Photos from the Trails
- Club Member Profile

Notes

- Please Visit our Club's Website at www.gageslake-sc.org For the latest Club Information
- Join us Jan. 17 for the Genoa City Dinner Ride
- Join us Jan. 25 for the Kettle Moraine Day Trip
- Join us Jan. 30 - Feb. 1 for the Annual Club Trip to Mercer, WI



GLSC Member Profile—Ron Walker

As I promised in the last issue, I will start a series of GLSC club member profile reports in an effort to tell the complete story of our snowmobile club. I thought that I would start this process with an interview of Ron Walker, a core member of our club and a person that truly gives all he

possibly can give to this club.

As you may know, Ron Walker is a founding member of this club. If we started today, I am not sure that we could ever thank Ron enough for all he has done over the years to ensure the success of our snowmobile club. After the interview, I had hoped to attach the member



profile to the back of this trail report. However, there was just so much good information and interesting facts divulged by Ron that it necessitated using two pages and has now evolved into a separate document. I hope that all of you enjoy this series of member profiles.